institutions doing good work, there were eight aided and nine unaided Industrial schools in the State during 1091.

43. **Class Education.**—Mahomedan education continued to receive special attention. As a result of the representations made in this Assembly, the Government have approved on principle the suggestion that the Mahomedans should not be grouped with the depressed classes in regard to the establishment of special schools, all that is necessary being the appointment of Arabic Munshis in the schools largely attended by Mahomedans. Government, nevertheless, will have no objection to open special schools, if they are found to be absolutely necessary in specific localities. Government have also promised the appointment of a separate Mahomedan Inspector. It is proposed to open a Secondary school for this community at Alleppey. The policy of throwing open schools to depressed classes was vigorously pursued, with the result that the children of these classes now receive instruction in as many as 250 Elementary schools for boys. The number of children of the backward classes attending school has risen from 8,468 to 29,295, or nearly four times as many, during the last quinquennium, the classes mainly contributing to the increase being Pulayas and Pariahs. The number of Malayala Brahmins under instruction rose from 1,145 to 1,384. Since the close of the year, half-fee concession under the Code has been extended to Jews and Kuravas.

44. **Physical Culture.**—Qualified Gymnastic Instructors are attached to all Secondary schools for boys. The Higher Grade Elementary schools also have Drill Instructors attached to their staff. The attention of the department has been drawn to the importance of physical training.

45. **Expenditure.**—While on the subject of educational expenditure, the following figures will be found interesting:—

Year.	*Expenditure.* Rs.
1086	7,95,713
1087	9,55,951
1088	12,84,440
1089	15,89,080
1090	18,53,540
1091	20,03,352

It will be seen from the above that the expenditure on Educatoin during the last quinquennium has risen 252 per cent. The outlay on the department during 1091 was 13·74 of the aggregate ordinary expenditure of the State. It may be noted that this expenditure is exclusive of the sum of Rs. 1,12,546 spent by the Public Works Department on buildings and maintenance, and of the indirect expenditure on *quasi*-educational institutions.

CHARITIES.

46. The total expenditure on State Charities was brought down from Rs. 3,30,692 in 1090 to Rs 3,14,777 in 1091. The expenditure in 1086 was Rs. 4,45,918 and it has steadily declined during the last quinquennium by reason of the strict economy and vigilance exercised in the management of charitable institutions. The expenditure in 1091 is the lowest on record during the last 40 years".

V. After the Address in English was read, copies of the Address, of the Administration Report for 1091 M. E., of the Memoranda of Subjects and of the Report on the Administration of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department for 1091 M. E., in English and in Malayalam, were distributed among the Members.

The Assembly adjourned at 1-20 P. M., to meet again the next day at 11-30 A. M.

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